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1. --U.S. COVERAGE IS HIGHLIGHTED BY UNUSUAL TREATMENT OF BREZHNEV-HARRIMAN MEETING OF SEPT 21.
--YURI ZHUKOV WRITING IN PRAVDA AS MEMBER OF PRESIDUM OF WORLD PEACE COUNCIL USES OCCASION TO SEPT 23 OPENING OF HELSINKI CONFERENCE FOR DISARMAMENT, DETENTE AND HALTING THE ARMS RACE TO POINT OUT REAL SOCIAL COSTS OF ARMS EXPENDITURES (E.G. ONE JET BOMBER COSTS AS MUCH AS 100,000 TONS OF SUGAR). LEADING OFF WITH U.S. DEFENSE SPENDING OF \$113 BILLION AND PROJECTIONS TO \$130 BILLION, HE CLAIMS YEARLY WORLDWIDE ARMS EXPENDITURES ARE UP TO \$300 BILLION, TWENTY TIMES DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OUTLAYS. SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES ARE PRAISED FOR IMPORTANT STEPS THEY HAVE TAKEN: TTBT, NPT AND OUTER SPACE, SEABEDS AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AGREEMENTS, WITH, OF COURSE, NO CORRESPONDING GOOD WORD FOR WESTERN SIDE. ON ZHUKOV'S AGENDA OF THINGS TO BE DONE IS: SALT II, TOTAL TEST BAN, CW, MDW, MBFR AND REDUCTIONS IN DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. HE NOTES SPECIFICALLY THAT INTERIM AGREEMENT ON OFFENSIVE ARMS EXPIRES IN 1977.
--OPENING OF SALT TALKS IN GENEVA IS ROUTINELY NOTED IN PRAVDA AND KZ.
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--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA HAVE TASS STORY FROM NEW YORK WITH GROMYKO'S COMMENTS TO THE PRESS ON HIS ARRIVAL FOR UNGA. STORY NOTES GROMYKO'S REMARKS THAT DETENTE STILL ON COURSE DESPITE "CERTAIN CIRCLES," STRESSES DISARMAMENT ISSUE AND NEED TO HALT ARMS RACE. NO MENTION OF REGIONAL ISSUES. ASHORT TASS DISPATCH IN PRAVDA NOTES PRESENCE OF SOVIET OBSERVERS AT YUGOSLAV MILITARY MANEUVER "GOLIA" SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 21-23.

--ON AFRICA, LEAD ITEM IN PAGE ONE IZVESTIYA "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY" BY V. KUDRYAVTSEV ON SECRETARY'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY IS CRITICAL OF BOTH U.S. INTENTIONS AND METHODS. PRAVDA HAS SHORT TASS-DAR ES SALAAM ARTICLE CITING ANC SECRETARY GENERAL NZO ON NEED FOR CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA (BOTH OF ABOVE SEPTELS).

--THERE IS NO LEBANESE COVERAGE IN CENTRAL PRESS. LITERATURNAYA GAZETA HAS DETAILED ARTICLE ON MERCENARIES IN LEBANON WHICH MENTIONS PARTICIPATION OF AMERICANS.

--A NUMBER OF SHORT ARTICLES CONTINUE TO PICK AT THE EGYPTIANS. PRAVDA AND KZ COVERAGE OF TRANSIT WORKERS' STRIKE IN CAIRO QUOTES EGYPTIAN PM MAMDUH SALIM ON ROLE OF "COMMUNISTS, MARXISTS, AND SUBSERVISE ELEMENTS" AND "HANDFUL OF MARXIST EXTREMISTS" IN ORGANIZATION OF STRIKE. IZVESTIYA REPORTS SADAT GREETINGS TO PINOCHET ON OCCASION OF CHILEAN INDEPENDENCE DAY.

--LITERATURNAYA GAZETA CARRIES STRONG ARTICLE ON THE MIG-DEFECTOR INCIDENT, FROM SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT VLADIMIR TSVETOR IN TOKYO. ARTICLE ECHOES AND ELABORATES ON TASS STATEMENT OF SEPT 15 CLAIMING THAT BELENKO WAS ON HIS FIRST TRAININGFLIGHT, THAT HE DID NOT ACT LIKE A DEFECTOR, AND THAT IT MAY NOT EVEN HAVE BEEN HE WHO WET WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS FOUR DAYS LATER. TSVETOV CHARGES THAT THE JAPANESE REFUSAL TO "FREE" FLYER AND RETURN PLANE WAS "UNFRIENDLY ACT" WHICH SERVED INTERESTS OF THOSE WHO WISH TO SEE JAPAN REARMED AND MILITARISTIC. ARTICLE CLAIMS JAPANESE NOTIFIED U.S. EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY BUT SOVIETS FOUND OUT FROM RADIO/TV, AND CITES JAPANESE LETTER WRITERS ON OVERRIDING NEED FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS.

2. MOST NOTEWORTHY ITEM IN OTHERWISE LIGHT U.S. COVERAGE
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IS UNUSUAL FOLLOWUP TO YESTERDAY'S STANDARD ANNOUNCEMENT OF HARRIMAN MEETING WITH SEC GEN BREZHNEV. THREE CENTRAL PAPERS HAVE TASS-WASHINGTON STORY (ALSO ON TASS ENGLISH WIRE) ABOUT INTEREST MEETING SPARKED IN U.S. AND USE THIS TO GIVE SOVIET PUBLIC HARRIMAN'S ACCOUNT OF POINTS BREZHNEV MADE TO HIM AT MEETING. HARRIMAN ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING HE FOUND BREZHNEV "FULL OF STRENGTH, HEALTH, AND ENERGY." BREZHNEV, ACCORDING TO HARRIMAN, WAS CRITICAL OF ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN RHETORIC BUT SAID USSR WAS PREPARED TO DEAL WITH WHICHEVER CANDIDATE WON. BREZHNEV ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE CALLED POLICY OF "LIMITED" NUCLEAR WAR "BIG MISTAKE".

--"CONTINENTAL CRUSADE FOR DISARMAMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE" GETS FAVORABLE MENTION AGAIN IN PRAVDA FOR ITS U.S.-WIDE CAMPAIGN (35 STATES THUS FAR) TO HALT

ARMS RACE BY SHIFTING EXPENDITURES FROM DEFENSE TO
DOMESTIC SOCIAL PROGRAMS.

--PRAVDA CARRIES ACCOUNT OF U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

NATIONAL SURVEY SHOWING PUBLIC DISPLEASURE TOWARD

AMERICAN "BUSINESS". TREATMENT FOCUSES ON

DISSATISFACTION WITH QUALITY AND PRICE OF CONSUMER GOODS

AND SERVICES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

--PRAVDA AND KZ REPORT DEATH OF FORMER CHILEAN GOVERNMENT

FIGURE, ORLANDO LETELIER, FOLLOWING BOMB EXPLOSION

IN HIS AUTOMOBILE. TASS ITEM QUOTES SENATORS KENNEDY AND

ABUREZK THAT KILLING IS EXTENSION OF CHILEAN TERROR

AND TYRANNY TO THE TERRITORY OF THE U.S.

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